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Salina Intermediate

Wildcat Tracks



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Save the Date

Dec 4-8 Book Fair

Dec 4: PTSA meeting at 3:15

Dec 6: Parent Principal forum 8:30-10:00 in conference room

Dec 11: 5th grade workshop

Dec 12: Religious Diversity Journey

Dec 20: Late start

Dec 22: school closes end of day

Dec 25– Jan 5: winter break , no school

Jan 8: school resumes



A letter from the Principal



Dear Parents,
Welcome Back!
We hope that everyone had a wonderful

Thanksgiving

Break with their families. Thank you to those who attended last month's Parent Principal Forum meeting. The Parent Connect training was great and we had a good turnout for the meeting.

As discussed and promised, we will run the 1 or more E's report on Nov. 27. The teacher will contact the parent if a student has received an E in their class. We encourage all parents

to check Parent Connect daily, communicate with their children's classroom teachers by phone or email and/or contact the school counselor or parent liaison, as needed. Communication is key!

On December 8, we will be mailing out the district progress reports to all parents. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Additionally, we'd like to thank everyone for attending their child's Parent Teacher Conferences last month. All report cards will be mailed home for those that did not pick them up. We strongly encourage everyone to contact their child's teachers if they did not discuss their child's



grades yet.

All of the staff contacts are updated on the School iblog. It is highly recommended to sign up for each of your child's teacher's iblogs as well as the school and principal iblog, for important information.

If you need any assistance with this, please stop by the school and ask to speak to the Counselor, Parent Liaison, Assistant Principal and/or the Principal.

Student progress report schedule

November 6	Card marking 2 begins
November 27th	1 or more E's report
December 8th	District Progress Reports
January 16th	1 or more E's report
January 26th	Card marking 2 ends

PTSA Book Fair



The book fair is back in town! Salina will be hosting its annual book fair, December 4-8. The fair will be located in the media center on the second floor, and is open during school hours. It is encouraged to purchase new books for your children, especially since winter break is coming up. Reading is one of the most important skills our children can learn. Set your child up for reading success by visiting our book

fair and growing your child's personal reading library. By shopping at our book fair, you will not only be giving your own child access to great new books, but you will also be helping our school raise money to buy more resources for our students. Our goal for this year's book fair is to sell 500 books. Help us reach this goal by sending money with your child dur-

ing the week of the book fair. Also you can make purchases by visiting our online book fair website.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/salinaint>

Lets give all our students the gift of a good book!



Dearborn Schools Battles Against Hunger



Nearly 30 schools district-wide took part in the third annual "Battle Against Hunger." The competition began two years ago as an off-field competition between two high schools, Fordson and Dearborn High, to help feed families in need through Gleaners. Gleaners is a food bank that provides households with access to sufficient, nutritious food, and related resources in southeast Michigan. This year, both schools wanted Edsel Ford involved, so the Thunderbirds

accepted. The schools competed to see who can collect the most cans, non-perishable food items and monetary donations to help families in need. The Battle began Monday, November 13th and ended November 17th.

Salina helped Edsel Ford collect 950 cans and \$400 dollars. Thank you Salina families for your generous donations, Edsel Ford Feeders schools won the Battle against hunger!

The final results:

1. Edsel Ford feeder schools, 28,691 food items donated
2. Dearborn High feeder school, 26,338 food items donated
3. Fordson feeder schools, 19,271 food items donated



December Tip by Mrs. Gorman



How can it be December already? Time just seems to fly! Soon your children will be at home for several weeks on winter break. It is a time to relax and do what they want. They can take a break from reading, writing and math too, right? NO! Learners are fragile and tentative in their learning of new skills and strategies. That means those skills and strategies are not in their per-

manent long term memories in their brain. Skills are easy to forget and easy to lose. Therefore, practice every day makes a huge difference – even during vacation. There are 12-14 hours in a day for your child. Over the break, please dedicate one hour a day to reading, writing and math. Then, when they return in January, students are primed and ready to succeed in 2018! Thank you

Recyclables for Art

The art department is asking if you have any extra newspapers, empty cereal boxes, and cardboard boxes to donate. These items can be used to make fun projects at school. Thank you for your continued support.



Student Council Elections

Elections were held at Salina Intermediate on November 10th for Student Council positions. Students actively learned about the voting process and campaigned to win votes for key positions in student council. Led by Ms. Yasmeen Mohamed, elections took place in the auditorium. Congratulations to all the winners.



Staff Spotlight : Mrs. Abdullah



My volleyball girls know me as “Coach” and my 4th graders know me as Mrs. Abdullah, but my given name is Safiyya Abdullah. I am originally from Upstate New York (Lackawanna, to be exact) but my family relocated to Michigan when I was around 10 years old. The east coast will always be home to me, even though I’ve lived in Michigan for most of my life! I have been teaching 4th grade here, at Salina Intermediate, for

3 years. I love it! I come from a very big and diverse family-- there are 10 of us! I was raised Muslim and my ethnic background is Cuban, Polish, Black, and Native American (Seneca and Cherokee). I am proud of every bit of diversity that flows through my veins. My siblings and I, with the exception of my 2 older sisters and brother, were all homeschooled by my mother. Education is a big deal in my family and mediocracy

was/is never an option. Before moving to Maryland, my mother started her own small private school and tutoring agency. She was an exceptional teacher and still works in the field of education to this day. I, myself, love teaching and learning because of her! I also love traveling and spending time with my family.

#Wildcat nation: Robotics Club

Salina is introducing its students to its first robotics club. The **Techcats**, meet weekly afterschool with myself, Mrs. Hussein and our second lead coach, Ms. Mariam Mohamed. Members are challenged to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head

challenge on December 9 at McCullough Unis. Students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles, while realizing the value of hard work, innovation, and sharing ideas.

The team has won several grants made possible by

Ford Motor Company, Arconic and First Tech. The grants helped the team purchase kits and register with First Tech Challenge. Thank you to our sponsors!



MSU Field Trip: Avid

Our wonderful Avid instructor Ms. Anna Centi, planned an educational field trip to Michigan State University. For many of our students this is a first time! Students toured the renowned campus and stadium in Lansing. AVID stands for Advancement

Via Individual Determination. It is a global nonprofit organization that operates with one guiding principle: Hold students accountable to the highest standards and provide academic and social support. Field trips like this prepare our students to succeed in college.

